**DTC earnings during February, 1986**

176. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what was the average daily earning of the DTC on 9th, 10th and 11th February, 1986;

(b) whether there has been any decline in the earnings on any of these days;

(c) whether the recent hike in bus fare has resulted in the said decline; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) The following is the position of traffic earnings on 9-2-86 10-2-86 and 11-2-86:—

| Date | Total Traffic Earnings (Rs. in lakhs) | Total Kms. operated (in lakhs) | Number of passengers carried (in lakhs) |
|---|---|---|---|
| 9-2-86 (Sunday) | 26.47 | 9.34 | 25.73 |
| 10-2-86 (Monday) (Delhi Bandh) | 18.48 | 10.20 | 18.82 |
| 11-2-86 (Tuesday) | 34.14 | 11.14 | 35.51 |

(b) to (d) There was decline in the earnings on Sunday as well as on Monday the 9th, 10th February, 1986 for reasons other than the hike in fare charges. On 9th February, 1986, the short-fall in traffic earnings was mainly due to it being a 'Holiday' both for commercial establishments as well as for Government offices. this day was also a rainy day As regards decline on 'Delhi Bandh' day (10th ebruary 1986), there was less traffic demand. It was also a rainy day. The 11th was a normal working day and hence traffic earnings picked up.

**Appointment of Vice-Chairman of the UGC**

177. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 1721 given in the Rajya Sabha on 12th March, 1986 and state by when the post of Vice-Chairman of the University Grants Commission is likely to be filled up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): The appointment of the Vice- Chairman, University Grants Commission is at the final stages of consideration.

**Affairs of the Asiatic Society, Calcutta**

178. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a delegation of the eminent academicians recently called on the Prime Minister and submitted a memorandum drawing his attention about certain serious maladies that are eating into the vitals of the Asiatic Society located in Calcutta; and

(b) if so, what are the main points of the memorandum and what action Government propose to take thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) No such delegation has met the Prime Minister However a memorandum was received in the Prime Minister's Office on 1st April,